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REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE PX COMMISSION OF THE SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN THE 20 C/5 DOCUMENT, SCHEDULED FOR ONE MORNING SESSION, INSTEAD LASTED 2 FULL DAYS INCLUDING EVENING SESSIONS. TWENTY-EIGHT SPEAKERS TOOK THE FLOOR. ONCE AGAIN, THE PROCEEDINGS WERE BLISSFULLY FREE OF POLITICAL POLEMICS. EVEN CUBA, WHICH USUALLY MANAGES IN ANY ITEM TO FIND AN EXCUSE FOR LASHING OUT AT THE NON-SOCIALIST WORLD, STUCK STRICTLY TO THE SUBJECT IN A PRESENTATION BY A GENUINE SCIENTIST. IN A VERY LOW-KEY PRESENTATION, HE STRESSED THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN COUNTRIES LIKE CUBA. SOME TOPICAL SUMMARIES FOLLOW:

2. FRAGMENTATION OF PROGRAMS: SEVERAL SPEAKERS BROUGHT UP THIS SUBJECT, INCLUDING USSR, DDR, USA, SWITZERLAND, GABON, AND INDIA. BUT ADG KADDOURA, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS REPLY, MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS RATHER NEGATIVE ON THE PROPOSAL TO CONCENTRATE RESOURCES, WHICH HAD BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY USDEL IN PLENARY.

3. IOC: FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO THE IOC AND ITS FUTURE STATUS BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS (INCLUDING USA) IN PLENARY DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK, TO WHICH THE

DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD TAKEN STRONG EXCEPTION, ACCUSING IN FACT THE IOC AND THE SPEAKERS OF FAVORING SEPARATION OF IOC FROM UNESCO; SEVERAL SPEAKERS (MEXICO, FRG, USA, SWITZERLAND, INDIA) REKINDLED THE SUBJECT AND DISPUTED THE DG'S INTERPRETATION. OTHERS (USSR, POLAND, MEXICO) CAME OUT STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF IOC PROGRAMS, BUT USSR REPRESENTATIVE MADE EQUALLY STRONG STATEMENT AGAINST REGIONAL PROGRAMS IN GENERAL AND IN IOC IN PARTICULAR (IOCARIBE, CINCWIO). HOWEVER, ALL SPEAKERS WHO FOLLOWED HIM AND TOOK NOTE OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE IN FAVOR OF THEM.

4. IGCP: REPORTED IN SEPTTEL (PARIS 17077).

5. MAB: THE USSR REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN FRAGMENTED ("IT LACKS A MAINSTAY"). POLAND WANTED MORE EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS. BESIDES THESE AND THE EXTENSIVE COMMENTS MADE BY USDEL, NO ONE ELSE MADE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THIS PROGRAM.

6. IHP: THE USSR REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM. IRAN USED THE IHP AS AN EXAMPLE TO POINT OUT THAT THE UNESCO SECRETARIAT FAILS TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL NEEDS OF THE WORLD. USA COMMENTED FAIRLY EXTENSIVELY ON THIS PROGRAM, AND BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE CANCELLED UNESCO-WMO

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MEETING. NOBODY ELSE CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF HOLDING THE MEETING IN 1980, BUT ADG KADDOURA COMMENTED ON IT AT SOME LENGTH IN HIS REPLY, NOT CLOSING OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BEING HELD IN 1981-1982. (FYI: SCIATT, ADMITTEDLY WITHOUT INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HOLDING A MEETING, IN 1980, THINKS THE DG HAD A GOOD POINT WHEN HE CANCELLED IT -- THAT MAJOR WATER CONFERENCES HAVE JUST BEEN HELD, AND THAT THE CALENDAR FOR 1979-1980 IS REPLEAT WITH LARGE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. THIS IS, HOWEVER, SCIATT'S PERSONAL OPINION, AND HAS NOT PREVENTED HIM FROM ARGUING FOR ITS REINSTITUTION, AS EVIDENCED FROM INTERVENTION GIVEN.)

7. ENERGY: A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS TALKED UP THE ENERGY PROGRAMS. USSR EVEN SUGGESTED THE INCLUSION OF THERMO-NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE PROGRAM. POLAND SUPPORTED THE USSR'S PROPOSED EMPHASIS AND SWITZERLAND SPOKE TO THE SAME SUBJECT, AS DID THE UK REPRESENTATIVE.

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ALGERIA AND MAURITANIA FOCUSED ESPECIALLY ON SOLAR ENERGY, AS DID CUBA, AS MENTIONED ABOVE. (FYI: SCIATT, RECOGNIZING THAT A. THE ENERGY PROGRAMS IN UNESCO ARE STILL ALMOST WITHOUT SUBSTANCE, AND B. THE SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM IS TOO IMPORTANT EMOTIONALLY, ESPECIALLY AMONG AFRICAN NATIONS, TO BE ELIMINATED OR EVEN REDUCED, IS STRONGLY NEGATIVE ON UNESCO ASSUMING A MAJOR ROLE IN ENERGY. THERE ARE OTHER AGENCIES MORE SUITABLE FOR THIS TASK, AND U.S. INTEREST IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CAPTURE OWING TO OUR DOMINEERING POSITION IN THIS FIELD.)

8. S&T POLICY: THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THIS PROGRAM CAME FROM FRANCE, WHICH REMINDED THE SECRETARIAT THAT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE HAD RESOLVED THAT SPINES WAS TO BE ONLY A PILOT PROJECT. THIS SPEAKER ALSO SUGGESTED A "WISE MEN" GROUP TO LOOK AT THE SCIENCE PROGRAM.

9. OTHER PROGRAMS: POLAND STRESSED PROGRAMS IN THE COMPUTER SCIENCES AS BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT, AND COMPLAINED THAT UNESCO DOES NOT INVOLVE ENOUGH

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EXPERTS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. DDR WANTED HEALTH AND NUTRITION ADDED AS UNESCO PROGRAMS. BARBADOS FELT THE PUBLICATION OF IMPACT MAGAZINE A WASTE OF MONEY, AND SUGGESTED MORE FUNDS FOR THE PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.

10. SEVERAL SPEAKERS (FRANCE, BRAZIL, ROMANIA, USA, GABON, ALGERIA) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING, BUT THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON HOW IT SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. SOME FAVORED LOCAL TRAINING, WHILE OTHERS ARGUED FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

11. EUROPEAN COOPERATION UNDER UNESCO AUSPICES WAS EMPHASIZED BY ALL SPEAKERS FROM EAST EUROPE, BUT NOBODY ELSE. (FYI: THIS IS A CONTINUOUS PROBLEM FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BUREAU FOR EUROPE, THE HEAD OF WHICH FEELS THAT HE HAS NO SUPPORT FROM THE WEST AND NO INTEREST EXPRESSED FROM THAT REGION.)

12. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER VERSUS ENDOGENOUS DEVELOPMENT CAME IN FOR MUCH PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION. IT RANGED FROM THE EXTREME OF INDONESIA, WHICH ADVOCATED FULL ACCESS BY LDC'S TO S&T KNOWLEDGE OF DEVELOPED NATIONS, THROUGH ALGERIA WHICH SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO CONCEPTS, TO VENEZUELA WHICH PHILOSOPHIZED THAT TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL LDC'S CREATE THE RIGHT CLIMATE AND MAKE UP THEIR MINDS AS TO WHAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES ARE. IRAN ALSO REFERRED TO THE NEED TO CREATE THE CLIMATE OR ENVIRONMENT CONDUCIVE TO PRODUCING GREAT SCIENTISTS. THE IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE CITED THE USA AS THE PRIME EXAMPLE, BUT LAMENTED THAT IT HAD ALSO CREATED THE MACHINERY OF THE ARMAMENT RACE.

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13. SEVERAL SPEAKERS ALLUDED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF UNCSTD, BUT ADDED NOTHING TO THE DISCUSSION REPORTED IN SEPTEL (PARIS 15729).

14. FINALLY, AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PLENARY EXAMINATION

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OF 20 C/5, MANY SPEAKERS ARGUED FOR A STRONGER ROLE OF THE SCIENCE SECTOR IN UNESCO, AND INCREASED FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT. BOTH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION IN PLENARY, AND ADG KADDOURA, FOLLOWING THE PX MEETING, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DELEGATES FAVORED AN INCREASED ROLE FOR S&T IN UNESCO, AND THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REFLECTED IN 21 C/5. BUT THE DISCUSSION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAM MUST BE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL: THERE WAS NOTHING OF THE BACK-SCRATCHING THAT TOOK PLACE IN PLENARY THE PRECEDING WEEK WHEN THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WAS PRESENT. MANY SPEAKERS REFLECTED FRUSTRATION OVER THE NUMBER OF "STUDIES" AS COMPARED TO PRACTICAL PROJECTS, WHICH MIGHT PRESAGE A PUSH FOR VEERING UNESCO MORE TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

15. USDEL (SCIATT SANDVED) FOCUSED ON THE CONCENTRATION OF RESOURCES AND SOME LARGER PROGRAMS, I.E., MAB, IHP, AND IGCP, AND IOC. EXCEPT IN THE OVERALL RESOLUTIONS, HE DID NOT FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF PROPOSING INDIVIDUAL WORD CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF 20 C/5. TO DO SO WOULD HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS EXECUTIVE BOARD, AS NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN 20 C/5 UNTIL AFTER IT
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HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. THE GENERAL COMMENTS MADE AT THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE SUMMARIZED ONLY IN A REPORT OF A WORKING GROUP, ESTABLISHED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. SPEAKING LATE IN THE SESSION, USDEL LAUDED THE FACT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE SCIENCE SECTOR PROGRAMS HAD BEEN

DEVOID OF POLITICAL OVERTONES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE
THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THE
PROGRAMS IN THIS ATMOSPHERE.
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